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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT: Attendance at the Vith Pan American Consultation
on Cartography, Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic

1. Background. The Vith Pan American Consultation on Cartography was held at Ciudad Trujillo from 11-24 October 1952. Senior officials of the military and civilian mapping organizations of the United States Government, Canada, the Latin American nations, Great Britain and France, and of appropriate international organizations were in attendance.

2. Purpose. The CIA officers attended in order to participate in the Technical sessions, to obtain current information on international mapping and surveying programs, and to establish closer relations with those senior officials in attendance who can provide subsequent cooperation on questions of direct interest to the Agency in other foreign areas.

3. Major Activities and Findings. Major technical accomplishments centered around acceptance of the Universal Transverse Mercator Projector and Grid System, participation in the U. S. Army's program for establishing a single geodetic datum, and the application of standards for cartographic symbols already adopted by the United States, Canada and Great Britain for military maps.

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